

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FOR A DRUG FREE INDIANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE
APRIL 18, 2007
11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 17

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: STEVE CLOUSE, JEFF BARBER, DR. KELLY, DR. MULLINAX, RYAN MCCANN, JIM BOBE, REPRESENTATIVE MATT BELL, REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS KRUSE

ICJI STAFF: Sonya Cleveland, Michael Cunegin, Mary Murdock, Janice Lee, Laura Coykendall

Sonya Cleveland, Acting Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

SPF-SIG

Kim Manlove reported the project was rolled out the beginning of March with a pre-conference meeting with three technical assistance workshops in March in Clarksville, Southbend, and Indianapolis. Twenty-five grant applications representing 23 counties were received by the due date of March 29th. The SFP-SIG Strategic Plan stated 10-15 applications will be awarded.

The review process is underway by the Expert Panel of reviewers first, followed by the Grant Review Workgroup chaired by Jeff Barber. The Grant Review Workgroup members have been given their assignments. The recommendations should be available by May 1st for Governor's Advisory Council to review and approve the recommendations. The funding will begin July 1, 2007.

Dr. Wright explained the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup, (SEOW), Report would be available to Commission members online as well as hard copies. The purpose of the SEOW is to review epidemiological data for SPF-SIG including priorities and make recommendations for SPF-SIG funding. The top three priorities are:

1. Prevent and reduce underage drinking
2. Prevent 1st use of tobacco for people 12-17 years of age, and 18-24 years of age.
3. Prevent 1st use of marijuana for same age groups.

There are also regional and local priorities are cocaine, prescription drugs, and methamphetamine. The 3 target areas for the SPF-SIG grant awardees are 60% alcohol, 20% cocaine, and 20% methamphetamine..

A request was made for Governor's Commission members to advocate for improved data collection below the state level (i.e. counties, towns, cities, etc.).

SEOW report will be updated October 2007, and presented to the Commission.

Treatment Update

The education process with addicts should encourage treatment check-ups during remissions and between relapses. The SAMHSA National Summit explained about recovery from alcohol and drug problems as a process of a change in life. John Viernes requested agencies act together as a collaborative effort for programming assistance. He continued by explaining they will be applying for an “Access to Recovery” Grant in June 2007. John Viernes explained recovery refers to a process not a goal of care.

Dr. Kelly discussed how relapses occur due to returning to poor environments after treatment. Recovering addicts should be checked on every month. They often have too much free time. This lack of accountability makes for a poor use of government funds. Dr. Kelly reviewed highlights from the Progress House and many others like it. They provide a supportive environment while recovering and recommended John Viernes visit the site and attempt to duplicate it.

John Viernes continued by explaining once an addict is out of treatment, there is no where for him/her to go. There are not enough resources to begin treatment even at Progress House.

Dr. Kelly explained about Fairbanks and the recovery coaches. He discussed how recovery strategies need to match the disease. John Viernes suggested developing relationship with Pastors. Dr. Kelly and John Viernes agreed to offer clients the incentives not the providers due to the cost of the treatment. Faith-based communities should also be educated and help in this cause.

Department of Correction CLIFF Program

Jerry Vance handed out the monthly report and explained the recidivism data from the chart provided. CLIFF graduates continue to show a lower rate of recidivism than those who do not complete the program.

Meth Free 360

Sgt. Niki Crawford explained the Meth 360 Program and how brings communities together. Treatment, Prevention, and Law Enforcement agencies can come together at the same table. A pilot project has begun in Noble County

Advance Criminal Enforcement (ACE)

Sonya Cleveland explained the membership of ACE consists of the Prosecuting Attorneys’ Council, United States Attorney’s Office, and Federal, State, and Local Law Enforcement agencies. The group was formed in November, 2006, from a request to target interdiction services and focus on supply reduction strategies. The ACE Project is a multi-layer Law Enforcement approach. On May 3rd, CJI and the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy hosted a luncheon with 9 counties and municipalities that cover the I-70 corridor from Illinois to Ohio. Training is included in the project. Each of the 9 counties’ Prosecutors will receive specialized training from the US Attorney’s Council. The ACE committee will partner with the Fusion Center for data collection and

information. The whole group meets during the even months and its sub-committees meet during the odd months.

Strategic Plan

The plan should be used monthly with consultants to make sure it is a living breathing document. Commission members have authority to make policy and procedure recommendations to the Local Coordinating Councils. CJI is working with Community Consultants to develop recommendations and will bring them forward in the fall.

Local Coordinating Councils – Prime Time Inc. of Morgan County

Dave Stewart, CJI Attorney, was requested to determine if there is anything a local Coordinating Council can do to avoid situations like Prime Time Inc. of Morgan County?

The Governor's Commission has no control over Tobacco Fund which it appears are the only funds misappropriated. Sonya Cleveland will continue to update the Commission on the status of this LCC.

Ryan McCann questioned how to we know how money is spent the way the Councils say it was. Sonya Cleveland explained the LCC's responsibility is to be accountable to the Commission and the County Commissioners. The Community Consultants attend the monthly LCC meetings and they have a higher standard for reporting. Dave Stewart stated the Community Consultants also submit detailed monthly reports to Sonya Cleveland and the Local Coordinating Councils' Comprehensive Plans are on CJI's website for review. Steve Clouse expressed his concern over the point of reporting if the reporting doesn't stop the misappropriation of funds. Sonya Cleveland explained how Morgan County's LCC will owe back taxes and requested a delay in their grant cycle.

Legislation

House Bill 1434 – was initiated by State Rep. Mara Reardon. The Commission and ICJI did not speak to this legislation which was initiated as a response to allocation of funds by the Lake County Commissioners. It does not have a significant impact on how the LCC's and the Commission function.

House Bill 411 – ISP is monitoring this wire tap legislation. The old wiretap legislation is burdensome and rarely utilized. New legislation was generated from the ACE Project and is more user friendly for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors.

Pike County

Terry Cohen shared his concerns about the unstable Local Coordinating Council in Pike County. Terry shared two handouts with the Commission members documenting poor funding procedures and limited participation from the community. Ryan McCann questioned why this is happening. Terry Cohen explained the Pike County LCC is resistance to change and concerned that strengthening measures of accountability to grantees will become too burdensome for the LCC and the grantees. The Commission members requested a member from the Pike County LCC be present at the next Commission meeting for discussion.

Sonya Cleveland asked the Community Consultants present to identify themselves and share some of the activities occurring in their regions.

Rebecca Smith shared about a drug-free rally and concert on May 19th at 6:30 in Montgomery County. They are working on prescription drug use issues. Lin Montgomery discussed her focus on expanding membership in the LCC's. Lawrence County is a sponsor of the annual safe night program. Terry Cohen shared that Vigo and Monroe have just submitted plans and Daviess and Green have active anti-meth groups. Tim Retherford shared that four of his counties are pursuing outside funding – Randolph, Hancock, Wayne, and Delaware (including SPF-SIG). Wayne County is having a paradigm shift and becoming more active with greater prevention. Laura Coykendall, POY program manager, shared that the interviews for the POY 2007—2008 class would be held May 19th. She reported there were many new applicants and although a significant portion of the current participants were seniors and would not be able to reapply, most of those who were eligible did reapply.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.